



Town and Parish Council Forum
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A 'new' South Gloucestershire Compact

A framework for partnership working between the public and VCSE sectors
Mutual commitments and equality of relationships

History of the Compact

- National framework since 1998
- Renewed in 2010
- South Gloucestershire Compact in 2004
- Revised 2010, 2014
- National award for partnership working 2012
- Reviewed in 2017 under independent Chair
- SGC Plan – refreshed Compact by July 2022

The current framework

- Shared responsibilities
- Consultation
- Funding and commissioning
- Achieving Equality
- Resolving disputes
- Multi- agency Implementation Group including T&PC Forum
- Independent Chair

A new context

- Keep it Local – power of community – local partnerships – support community capacity – early intervention – local by default.
- Pandemic response – a changed world
- Continuing financial constraints – Public sector & VCSE under more pressure
- South Gloucestershire Council Plan – helping people to help themselves – Compact refresh by July 2022

A 'new' Compact

- Focus on principles - simplify
- Remove adversarial rule-based approach
- A grown-up partnership approach based on mutual respect
- Multi-agency, as before
- Reports to Safer, Stronger Communities Strategic Partnership rather than LSP

Core principles

- A Culture of Respect
- Working in Partnership
- Effective Delivery

Presentational values

- Simple, short and informative infographic
- Diagram of interactions and relationships included

Consultation on 'new' Compact

- Developed with SGC/VCSE Keep it Local group
- Discussed with VCSE Leaders' Board
- Shared with Chair of SSCSP
- Discussion in Compact Implementation Group (CIG)
- Presentation to SSCSP on 17th June
- CIG members consult their respective organisations
- Consultation events – e.g. T&PC forum, VCSE organisations through CVS.....

For discussion

- Is this a good framework for a future public sector/VCSE relationship?
- How do we keep this active if adopted?
- What more consultation do we need?
- How is the 'new' Compact published and shared?
- Comments to: hilary@neal.me.uk



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